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Report Highlights:

To ensure that plant protection products containing micro-organisms are evaluated in a uniform way for efficacy and risks to human health and the environment, the EU is in the process of discussing a proposal on the principles for evaluation and authorization of these micro-organisms.

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Council Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market requires all plant protection products on the European market to be evaluated in a uniform way for efficacy and risks to human health and the environment. For this end a dual system is established. The active ingredients are evaluated at Community level, the products containing these active ingredients at national level by the Member State authorizing the use. To ensure that this is done in a consistent manner and to avoid wide discrepancies in national evaluations annex VI of the Directive provides uniform principles for evaluation and authorisation of plant protection products. So far these principles can be used for chemical plant protection products only and not for plant protection products containing micro-organisms. The present proposal (COM(2003)814 final) for a draft Council Directive is intended to fill this gap.

The full text of the proposal is available from:

<http://register.consilium.eu.int/pdf/en/04/st05/st05675.en04.pdf>

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